REMARKS

This application is a national stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/003776, filed on March 19, 2004, and published in Japanese on September 30, 2004 as WO 2004/083426 A1, which claims priority from Japanese patent applications No. 2003-076254 filed on March 19, 2003, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

By this Amendment, an abstract and a Cross-Reference to Related Applications section is added to the specification. Original claims 1-7 are amended above to avoid multiple dependencies, claim 8 is cancelled and new claims 9-16 are presented.

Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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